

## § 3425.4

the authorized officer shall submit the lease application to the Secretary of Agriculture for consent, for completion or consideration of an environmental assessment and for the attachment of appropriate lease stipulations, and for the making of any other findings prerequisite to lease issuance. (43 CFR 3400.3, 3461.1(a))

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### § 3425.4 Consultation and sale procedures.

(a)(1) Prior to holding any lease sale in response to any application under this subpart, a public hearing shall be held on the environmental assessment or environmental impact statement, the proposed sale and the fair market value and maximum economic recovery on the proposed lease tract.

(2) Prior to holding any lease sale under this subpart, the Secretary shall consult with the entities and individuals listed in §§3420.4–2 through 3420.4–5 of this title.

(b) Subpart 3422 of this title applies in full to any sale to be held in response to an application filed under this subpart.

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### § 3425.5 Lease terms.

The terms of a lease issued under this subpart shall be consistent with the terms established for all competitive coal leases (43 CFR part 3470).

## Subpart 3427—Split Estate Leasing

### § 3427.0–1 Purpose.

The purpose of this subpart is to set out the protection that shall be afforded qualified surface owners of split estate lands (43 CFR 3400.0–5) and the requirements for submission of evidence of written surface owner consent from qualified surface owners of split estate lands.

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### § 3427.0–3 Authority.

(a) These regulations are issued under the authority of the statutes cited in §3400.0–3 of this title.

(b) These regulations primarily implement section 714 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1304), as construed in Solicitor's Opinion M-36909, 86 I.D. 28 (1979).

### § 3427.0–7 Scope.

The surface owner consent provisions of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act do not apply:

(a) To preference right lease applications; and

(b) If the split estate coal is to be mined by underground mining techniques (43 CFR 3500.0–5).

### § 3427.1 Deposits subject to consent.

On split estate lands (43 CFR 3400.0–5(kk)) where the surface is owned by a qualified surface owner, coal deposits that will be mined by other than underground mining techniques shall not be included in a lease sale without evidence of written consent from the qualified surface owner (43 CFR 3400.0–5(gg)) allowing entry and commencement of surface mining operations.

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### § 3427.2 Procedures.

(a)(1) Each written consent or evidence of written consent shall be filed with the appropriate Bureau of Land Management State office (43 CFR subpart 1821). For lands offered for lease sale pursuant to subpart 3420 of this title, consents or written evidence thereof shall be filed on or before a date prior to the lease sale specified in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. For lands offered for lease sale pursuant to subpart 3425 of this title, consents or written evidence thereof shall be filed prior to the posting of the lease sale notice.

(2) Statement of refusal to consent shall be filed with the appropriate Bureau of Land Management State Office, but such statement shall be accepted for filing only during activity planning.

(b) Written consent, evidence of written consent, or statement of refusal to